

THE LAST OF THE AMATEURS

A Scrambled Guildford Goal K.O.s Wanderers In F.A. Cup Replay

By "CHILTERN"

Wycombe Wanderers 0, Guildford City 1

IT'S all over for another year for Wycombe. A scrambled goal in the 61st minute of this F.A. Cup first round replay on Wednesday night by Guildford centre-forward Stevens put paid to Wycombe's hopes of an attractive second round tie at Queens Park Rangers on December 4.

Before a crowd of almost 7,000, Wanderers did their best, but in repeated raids they were unable to turn good approach work into goals because of poor finishing.

Yet they were not robbed. Guildford played workmanlike football and just about deserved a win. Had John Maskell in the Wycombe goal not been in great form, Guildford would have had more than the one goal.

As it was, right-winger Micky Lill netted in the 65th minute after a fine solo run and left-foot shot, but after the referee Mr. B. J. Homewood had consulted a linesman the "goal" was disallowed. He ruled that Stevens had fouled Maskell.

DANGEROUS

It was real cup-tie football. Hard, end-to-end stuff, with both sides looking dangerous in possession and honours to the Wanderers in the first half.

But Wycombe's attacks, although regular, were disjointed. The forwards played well individually but they could not click as a line.

Len Worley had a fine game on the right wing, often beating his full-back and crossing the ball, but each time it was either cleared or the attempt at goal went wide.

Worley was repeatedly up-ended by Watts, who eventually had his name taken just before the interval. Try as he might to repeat last Saturday's equaliser, most of Worley's efforts were too high. And there was always Vaspar, brave and brilliant in the Guildford goal.

In the 20th minute Peter Royston, who played wholeheartedly for 90 minutes, had a hard shot cleared off the goal-line by Hunt.

From Worley's corner Tony Horseman was inches over with a header. A minute later the hardworking inside-forward was just wide.

The Guildford forwards were always dangerous in their fast raids, but their defence was suspect. In one particularly good combined effort between

Charlie Gale, Paul Bates and Keith Samuels it was seen how the Guildford rearguard could be split.

But Samuels shot wide and the move was not repeated often enough.

Bates, wearing the No. 1, had a good game as a forward. He had several chances and centred well from wings.

Half-backs Barry Baker and Gale played some consistent football and linked well with forwards. As always Ian Stevens was a tower of strength in the centre-half. But he boomed a back pass mistiming a back pass was only a daring shot by Stevens' feet by Maskell saved a goal.

Dave Bradshaw and John French kept their opposing quiet for long periods.

The trouble came when Guildford forwards moved the line—there always seemed many of them.

In fact the replay was very much the same pattern as Saturday's game. But the Wycombe's shots were wasted or on target. That they lost.

GUILDFORD JUST SCRAMBLE IN

By ALBERT SEWELL

Wycombe ... 0 Guildford City 1

Wycombe Wanderers, last of the amateur survivors, valiantly went out of the Cup to a goal which Southern League Guildford City scrambled early in the second half at fog-shrouded Loakes Park last night.

There could have been no complaints from the professionals had Wycombe led at half-time, particularly after three of the narrowest escapes in an exciting burst of 90 seconds.

First, right-back Hunt headed off the line from Royston, then Samuels headed inches over and Baker shot just wide.

Apart from one inswinging shot from Stevens that hit the far post, Wycombe's stylish goalkeeper, Maskell, safely fielded everything in a first half which ended with Guildford left-back Watts being booked after two fouls in quick succession.

LONG THROW-IN

Failed to clear

The only goal followed a long throw-in by Lill, the former Everton and Wolves winger. Wycombe failed to clear the danger and Stevens ended all the indecision by tapping the ball into the net at close range.

Shortly afterwards Lill beat three men and shot what even Wycombe followers applauded as a fine goal, but to everyone's surprise the referee gave an offside decision after consulting a linesman.

The escape gave Wycombe renewed spirit, but they were finally thwarted when Horseman hooked for goal and, for the second time in the match, right-back Hunt cleared off the line.

Wycombe.—Maskell; Bradshaw, Beck; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Royston, Horseman, Bates.

Guildford.—Vaspar; Hunt, Watts; Massey, French, Porter; Lill, Cliss, Stevens, Collier, Vahadis.